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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF THE
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AND
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TOWN OFFICERS.

CLERK.

JAMES COCHRAN.

SELECTMEN.

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN.

SHERBURN B. FARMER.

CALEB B. CLARK.

TREASURER.

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

HORACE BERRY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM C. HARRIS.

JOSEPH L. COTTLE.

WILLIS E. HUGHES.

AUDITORS.

LEWIS L. FISH.

EDWIN O. DINSMOOR.

SUPERVISORS.

WILLIAM L. EMERSON.

WILLIAM K. MILNER.

CHARLES SMITH.

CONSTABLE.

JOHN G. BRADFORD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1888.

DEBTOR.

To cash in treasury March 1, 1887,	\$1,038 32
taxes due from collector, 1883,	148 37
“ “ “ “ 1886,	100 00
cash received of B. E. Blanchard	
sale of school books,	2 71
cash received of A. Dow license	
of bowling alley,	5 00
Taxes assessed and made payable	
to the treasurer for the year	
1887,	2,870 73
Tax on Dogs,	69 00
cash received of State R. R. tax,	408 96
cash received of state savings	
bank tax,	706 78
cash received of literary fund,	85 84
cash received of county for	
support of transients	112 05
interest received of collector	
1886,	2 20
cash received of James Cochran	
for use of town hall	14 10
interest received of S. L. Prescott	
collector, 1883,	44 53

To cash received of selectmen for		
turpentine, oil and shingles,	8	40
interest due from collector 1887,	62	
cash received of Wm. D.		
Cochran, money hired note	200	00
cash received of Edwin O.		
Dinsmoor money hired note	100	00
	<hr/>	\$5,917 61

CREDIT.

Paid state tax,	\$724	00
county tax,	731	12
95 orders,	4,407	54
highway receipts, 1883,	28	42
taxes due from collector, 1887,	25	00
interest on same	62	
cash in treasury,	91	
	<hr/>	\$5,917 61

H. S. REYNOLDS, TREAS.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of H. S. Reynolds, town treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements.

L. L. FISH,
E. O. DINSMOOR. } AUDITORS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WINDHAM TAKEN APRIL 1, 1887.

Number of polls 173	\$17,300 00
Real estate	283,760 00
Number of horses 195	12,252 00
Number of oxen 20	1,058 00
Number of cows 510	13,932 00
Other Neat stock 79	1,375 00
Number of sheep 110	338 00
Number of hogs 153	1,204 00
Number of carriages 7	600 00
Money on hand and at interest	6,710 00
Stock in trade	10,706 00
Mills and machinery	9,100 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$358,335 00</u>

MONEY RAISED.

State tax,	724 00
County tax,	731 22
School tax,	633 50
Town vote for highway tax,	500 00
“ “ Expenses,	1 00

School house repairs,	175 00
Overlay,	104 51
Tax on dogs,	69 00
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	2,938 13

Rate, \$7.50 per 1,000 town,
 .50 " school house repairs.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid William C. Harris, services as school committee,	\$40 00
J. L. Cottle, services as school committee,	20 00
L. A. Morrison, services as moderator,	2 00
Horace Berry, services as collector 1887,	50 00
James Cochran, services as town clerk,	25 00
Hiram S. Reynolds, services treasurer,	25 00
W. D. Cochran, services as selectman,	77 25
S. B. Farmer, " "	61 85
C. B. Clark, " "	52 75
J. G. Bradford, services as constable,	2 25
E. O. Dinsmoor, services as auditor,	4 00
L. L. Fish, " "	4 00
W. L. Emerson, services as supervisor, 1887,	4 50
H. S. Reynolds, balance of services as selectman, 1886,	3 62
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	\$372 22

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

Paid J. L. Cottle, Treasurer of school board, town appropriation,	\$300 00
J. L. Cottle, money raised by law,	633 50
J. L. Cottle, literary money,	85 84
J. L. Cottle, dog tax 1886,	67 00
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	\$1,086 34

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. E. Dow, painting road machine,	\$6 00
A. H. Kenerson, money due on account of reading books, 1885,	13 74
J. L. Cottle, treasurer of school board, school house repair money,	175 00
J. H. Barker, printing reports,	29 00
S. B. Farmer, committee on decoration,	10 00
C. C. Dickey, for 12 stone posts,	36 00
G. C. & G. K. Bartlett, execution in case of Campbell v Town of Wind- ham,	290 00
W. H. Armstrong, for damage to carriage,	7 00
U. S. Armstrong, for damage to horse,	6 00
W. C. Fletcher, painting hearse,	15 00

E. P. Richardson, insurance on town house and library,	42 00
Rosa J. Crowell, land damage in laying out highway,	30 00
Briggs & Allyn, thirty-two guide boards,	5 50
C. A. Dinsmoor, painting guide boards,	13 11
A. L. Barker, public watering trough,	2 00
J. W. M. Worledge, public watering trough,	3 00
W. E. Dow, public watering trough,	2 00
B. H. Hughes, public watering trough,	2 00
W. A. Dinsmoor, public watering trough,	2 00
W. C. Harris, posts and railing,	5 00
W. C. Fletcher, painting hearse house and gates at cemeteries,	6 25
F. J. Hughes, public watering trough,	2 00
W. D. Cochran, delivering shingles,	2 75
Horace Berry, printing tax bills and notifying non-residents,	3 00
Dr. Smith, for returning births and deaths,	1 50
Dr. Perkins, for returning births and deaths,	1 75
Dr. Sawyer, for returning births and deaths	1 25
Dr. Adams, for returning births and deaths	25
Dr. Wade, for returning births and deaths,	2 25

James Cochran, for care of town house,	13 00
James Cochran, for wood for town house,	17 75
James Cochran, for preparing wood and putting in same,	5 50
James Cochran, oil, lamp chimneys and wicks,	3 22
James Cochran, for making snow paths,	75
P. J. Call, for opening four graves,	6 00
P. J. Call, for attending eleven funerals with hearse,	16 50
D Howe, for repairing R. machine,	1 95
D. Howe, for bolts for guide boards,	3 45
J. Treat & Co., 25 lbs, brandon red for hearse house,	75
C. B. Clark, for delivering and set- ting guide posts,	16 70
S. B. Farmer, for setting guide posts,	7 00
S. B. Farmer, for car fare and stationery,	72
W. D. Cochran, for setting guide posts and putting up boards,	9 45
W. D. Cochran, for car fare, books, stationery and postage,	12 70
James Cochran, for returning births and deaths,	5 50
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	\$836 30

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DIS. NO. 1, W. D. COCHRAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid W. D. Cochran, labor,	\$49 00
W. D. Cochran, team,	43 95
W. D. Cochran, blasting and removing rock,	2 25
Frank Belisle, labor,	34 50
John H. Dinsmoor, labor,	18 75
C. O. Parker, labor,	27 12
Olen Parker, labor,	3 90
J. A. Park, labor,	6 45
A. A. Morrison, labor,	3 00
Henry J. Richardson, labor,	15 75
J. K. Lamson, labor,	16 20
E. E. Hanson, labor,	2 40
E. O. Dinsmoor, labor,	11 30
Geo. C. Wheaton, labor,	1 50
E. C. Seeley, labor,	1 50
E. H. Cochran, labor,	36 50
H. A. Cochran, labor,	8 10
C. B. Clark, labor,	3 00
W. D. Cochran, labor and spikes for railing	1 85
J. Sweat, for posts,	50
M. Fitzgerald, for gravel,	75
W. B. Jones, for gravel,	1 25
Olen Parker, for gravel,	1 85
C. A. Reed, for gravel,	1 25

W. D. Cochran, for gravel,	1 00
D. Howe, for mending chain and sharp- ening picks,	35
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	\$293 97

DIS. NO. 2, S. L. PRESCOTT, SURVEYOR.

Paid E. A. Simpson, labor,	\$10 00
J. Londry, labor,	14 70
W. P. Simpson, labor,	3 00
J. Stickney, labor,	5 70
J. Emerson, labor,	4 20
W. L. Emerson, labor,	25 50
J. W. M. Worledge, labor,	4 00
E. G. Bailey, labor,	4 25
S. L. Prescott, labor,	41 90
A. T. Simpson, for plank,	6 50
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	\$119 75

DIS. NO. 3, HORACE BERRY, SURVEYOR.

Paid William Butterfield, for labor,	\$15 45
G. W. Farbanks, for labor,	3 47
J. Londry, for labor,	3 75
W. Cashman, for labor,	9 00
W. W. Sterrett, for labor,	1 50
G. O. Larabee, for labor,	1 50
B. H. Hughes, for labor,	1 00
J. Murry, for labor,	18 00

Turner, for labor,	27 00
H. Berry, man, oxen and plow,	110 80
R. Esty,	9 28
F. W. Bean, for labor,	2 63
S. B. Farmer, for labor,	1 50
C. B. Clark, for labor,	17 60
F. J. Hughes, for labor,	39 45
Henry Clark, for labor,	32 45
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	\$293 38

DIS. NO. 4, JOHN A. MOORE, SURVEYOR.

Paid C. A. Barker, for labor,	5 62
C. K. Barker, for labor,	31 00
S. Sheldon, for labor,	7 50
T. Bullock, for labor,	5 00
P. Bullever, for labor,	3 00
Bailey, for labor,	6 75
A. W. Campbell, for labor,	2 75
H. S. Reynolds, for labor,	6 47
S. Campbell, for labor,	8 55
E. McDaniels, for labor,	2 25
J. A. Moore, for labor,	41 50
J. A. Moore, plank for bridge,	10 30
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	\$130 69

DIS. NO. 5, JOSEPH P. CROWELL, SURVEYOR.

Paid J. P. Crowell, for labor,	\$90 75
J. P. Crowell, for labor of men,	16 65

S. B. Farmer, for labor,	9 45
A. W. Farmer for labor,	3 60
W. E. Robinson, for labor,	4 65
D. Crowell, for labor,	75
C. Daniels, for labor,	60
Use of plow and repairing picks,	77
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	\$127 22

DIS. NO. 6, JOHN E. COCHRAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid John E. Cochran, for labor,	\$27 90
M. Hills, for labor,	24 00
W. H. Armstrong, for labor,	5 25
W. D. Cochran, for labor,	3 00
C. B. Clark, for labor,	3 00
D. C. Foss, for labor,	15 75
I. P. Cochran, for labor,	5 55
S. B. Farmer, for labor,	6 75
A. W. Farmer, for labor,	3 45
for gravel,	1 40
for spikes,	32
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	\$96 37

DIS. NO. 7, HORACE B. JOHNSON, SURVEYOR.

Paid Horace B. Johnson, for labor on the highways,	\$37 75
Horace B. Johnson, for gravel,	1 50
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	\$39 25

Total for highways and bridges, \$1101 63

SNOW PATHS.

DIS. NO. 1, W. D. COCHARN, SURVEYOR.

Paid J. W. Dinsmoor, Jr., making snow path,	\$5 95
J. A. Park, making snow path,	5 40
C. H. Dinsmoor, making snow path,	2 70
H. P. Dinsmoor, making snow path,	3 60
A. A. Morrison, making snow path,	75
H. J. Richardson, making snow path,	1 95
E. E. Hanson, making snow path,	2 25
E. O. Dinsmoor, making snow path,	5 75
G. C. Wheaton, making snow path,	1 72
W. E. Dow, making snow path,	4 80
Frank W. Hadley, making snow path,	2 14
W. B. Jones, making snow path,	1 95
Jones, making snow path,	2 55
J. A. McVoy, making snow path,	2 55
C. A. Reed, making snow path,	75
J. H. Dinsmore, making snow path,	3 15
J. K. Lamson, making snow path,	60
Olen Parker, making snow path,	4 35
W. A. Dinsmoor, making snow path,	5 40
H. A. Cochran, making snow path,	1 50
W. D. Cochran, making snow path,	5 55
E. C. Seeley, making snow path,	4 80
G. F. Armstrong, making snow path,	1 57
J. T. Hunnewell, making snow path,	30
J. W. Hanson, making snow path, 1887,	60
W. A. Dinsmoor, making snow path, 1887,	1 50
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	\$74 13

DIS. NO. 2, S. L. PRESCOTT, SURVEYOR.

Paid A. E. Simpson, making snow path,	\$3 75
A. T. Simpson, making snow path,	10 90
O. A. & E. G. Bailey, making snow path,	14 70
E. B. Smith, making snow path,	8 55
W. L. Emerson, making snow path,	8 80
G. W. Hoyes, making snow path,	8 40
I. W. Haseltine, making snow path,	2 75
J. W. M. Worledge, making snow path,	12 15
J. E. Emerson, making snow path,	8 00
J. Wilson, making snow path,	4 84
P. J. Call, making snow path,	2 14
W. A. Rowe, making snow path,	67
J. H. Giles, making snow path,	2 85
J. W. M. Worledge, 1887, making snow path,	1 00
E. B. Smith, 1887, making snow path,	2 25
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	\$91 75

DIS. NO. 3, HORACE BERRY, SURVEYOR.

Paid R. Esty, making snow path,	6 30
C. B. Clark, making snow path,	3 75
U. S. Armstrong, making snow path,	1 88
W. H. Armstrong, making snow path,	4 61
D. E. Clark, making snow path,	2 70
G. E. Parker, making snow path,	1 50
W. W. Sterrett, making snow path,	2 70
S. S. Alexander, making snow path,	1 80

Paid G. W. Fairbanks, making snow path,	1 20
W. Cashman, making snow path,	2 78
W. Butterfield, making snow path,	3 64
J. P. Hughes, making snow path,	98
F. W. Bean, making snow path,	2 10
Horace Berry, making snow path,	10 65
H. Clark, making snow path,	5 15
C. P. Lynde, making snow path,	1 25
R. Esty, making snow path, 1887,	1 95
E. Claik, making snow path, “	75
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	\$55 69

Dis. No. 4, JOHN A. MOORE, SURVEYOR.

Paid J. A. Moore, making snow path,	5 25
A. Campbell, making snow path,	1 05
C. K. Barker, making snow path,	2 25
S. Sheldon, making snow path,	6 75
H. S. Reynolds, making snow path,	1 72
S. Campbell, making snow path,	10 80
W. C. Humphrey, making snow path,	5 25
Lamson Farm, making snow path,	6 45
F. J. Hughes, making snow path,	75
W. Bullock, making snow path,	30
W. McDaniels, making snow path,	1 35
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	\$41 92

Dis. No. 5, JOSEPH P. CROWELL, SURVEYOR.

Paid J. P. Crowell, making snow path,	\$10 35
F. A. Crowell, making snow path,	6 75

J. Buckham, making snow path,	2 25
W. E. Robinson, making snow path,	4 95
A. F. Campbell, making snow path,	2 10
L. Smith, making snow path,	2 25
L. Smith, making snow path,	2 00
L. L. Fish, making snow path,	2 47
A. L. Barker, making snow path,	1 50
A. Richardson, making snow path,	3 00
B. E. Blanchard, making snow path,	3 90
N. W. Eccleston, making snow path,	9 30
H. Russell, making snow path,	3 00
Rufus Morrill, making snow path,	4 50
C. E. Buttrick, making snow path,	2 55
H. O. Ecclestone, making snow path,	3 00
F. D. Ecclestone, making snow path,	3 30
Charles Goodwin, making snow path,	30
M. Bline, making snow path,	90
A. A. Goodwin, making snow path,	3 97
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	\$72 34

DIS. NO. 6, JOHN E. COCHRAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid John E. Cochran, making snow path,	\$4 95
S. B. Farmer, making snow path,	5 17
A. W. Farmer, making snow path,	4 20
A. Webber, making snow path,	90
W. Pierce, making snow path,	3 75
H. Pierce, making snow path,	3 75
Geo. Hall, making snow path,	4 05
P. Hayes, making snow path,	90
J. C. Armstrong, making snow path,	45

Paid J. Cochran, making snow path,	75
J. A. Nesmith, making snow path,	1 95
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	\$30 82

DIS. NO. 7, H. B. JOHNSON, SURVEYOR.

Paid C. H. Davis, making snow path,	\$1 80
J. G. Howe, making snow path,	3 45
Ira Merriam, making snow path,	1 35
Peter Bushway, making snow path,	1 35
H. B. Johnson, making snow path,	2 70
H. B. Johnson, making snow path, 1887,	3 00
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	\$13 65
Total for snow paths,	\$380 40

COUNTY POOR.

Paid E. A. Wade, medical attendance on J. Londry,	\$9 00
D. O. Smith, medical attendance on Edward Mitchell,	15 00
John Veno, for board of Peter Morean,	12 00
S. B. Farmer, for board and nursing E. Mitchell,	43 23
A. O. Alexander, for supplies furnish- ed J. Londry,	8 54
W. L. Emerson, for supplies furnished,	11 03
S. L. Prescott, for supplies furnished,	8 25
Robert Simpson, rent, supplies furnished,	5 00
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	\$112 05

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid R. Simpson, labor and material furnished shingling town house,	\$25 70
E. N. Stickney, material for paint- ing town house,	60 77
Lawrence Lumber Co., for 15 M. shingles for town house,	57 75
Geo. P. Gilbert, labor painting town house,	110 00
Geo. P. Gilbert, material furnished,	6 25
R. Simpson, labor and material on town house,	3 25
Lawrence Hardware Co., for window cord, door-knobs and nails,	3 96
S. Harris, for alcohol,	98
Mrs. Willey, for cleaning paint,	05
French Puffer & Co., lamps and chains,	4 99
W. D. Cochran, glass and blind fastners,	1 25
J. H. Dinsmoor, plank for steps,	96
J. H. Dinsmoor, for lumber and iron stage,	2 78
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	\$279 14

TRANSIENTS.

Paid C. B. Clark, keeping 12 transients,	\$6 00
W. D. Cochran, keeping 9 transients,	4 50
S. B. Farmer, keeping 12 transients,	6 00
R. Simpson, for supplies furnished,	30
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	\$16 80

NESMITH LIBRARY.

Paid J. E. Cochran, services as librarian,	\$60 00
J. E. Cochran, ink, glue and paper,	1 00
Trustees interest on fund,	60 00
W. D. Cochran, express on books,	50
W. D. Cochran, car far procuring books,	1 76
W. D. Cochran, time procuring books,	1 50
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	\$124 76

CEMETERIES.

Paid J. L. Cottle, for labor in cemetery on the hill,	\$ 30
J. Wilson, for labor in cemetery on the hill,	2 70
P. J. Call, for care and labor in cemetery on the plain,	8 00
P. J. Call, care of tomb,	2 00
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	\$13 00

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

Paid Horace Berry, collector 1886,	8 48
Horace Berry, collector 1887,	10 42
S. L. Prescott, collector 1883,	6 50
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	\$25 40

TOWN POOR.

Advanced A. J. Rockwood, coffin and robe for Susan Davidson,	\$14 50
Mrs. L. D. Currier, for nursing Susan Davidson,	10 00
A. Richardson, for services rendered Susan Davidson in last sickness,	15 00
Paid G. N. Demott, assistance in support of S. S. Demott and family,	20 00
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	\$59 50

RECAPITULATION.

DEBTOR.

Whole amount received and due the trearury
for the year ending Mch. 1, 1888, \$5,917 61

CREDIT.

Paid state tax,	\$724 00
county tax,	731 12
town officers,	372 22
miscellaneous,	836 30
education,	1,086 34
highways and bridges,	1,101 63
cemeteries,	13 00
county poor,	112 05
Nesmith library,	124 76

Paid transient poor,	16 80	
town poor,	59 50	
town house,	279 14	
snow paths,	380 40	
abatement of taxes,	25 40	
highway receipts 1883,	28 42	
due from collector 1887,	25 62	
cash in treasury,	91	
	<hr/>	\$5,917 61

FINANCIAL STANDING.

The following is the financial standing of the town March 1, 1888.

LIABILITES.

Money hired,	\$300 00	
Dog tax in 1887,	69 00	
	<hr/>	\$369 00
Assets of the treasury,		26 53
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Balance against the town,		\$342 47

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. COCHRAN,	}	Selectmen of Windham.
S. B. FARMER,		
C. B. CLARK,		

We the undersigned auditors have this day examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. L. FISH,	}	Auditors.
E. O. DINSMOOR,		

MINISTERIAL FUND.

REPORT OF THE AGENT.

DEBTOR.

To bonds against the city of		
Manchester,	\$1,500	00
Amount in Manchester		
Savings Bank,	487	94
Interest on money in bank,	21	91
Interest on bonds,	90	00
	<hr/>	\$2,099 85

CREDIT.

By two bonds against the city of		
Manchester,	\$1,500	00
Amount in Manchester Sav-		
ings Bank,	487	94
Paid interest on bonds to Presby-		
terian religious society,	21	91
interest on bank to Presby-		
terian religious society,	90	00
	<hr/>	\$2,099 85

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, AGENT.

COMMITTEE ON

MEMMORIAL DAY.

Received appropriation,		\$10 00
Total expenses for the day,	\$6 03	
Cash in hands of committee,	3 97	
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Submitted,

S. B. FARMER, Com.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

Paid P. J. Call, for care and labor in cemeteries on the plain,	\$8 00
J. L. Cottle, for labor in cem- etery on the hill,	30
John Wilson, for labor in cemetery on the hill,	2 70

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF
CEMETERY FUND.

DR.		
To cash on hand Mar. 1, 1887,	3 00	
received from sale of five bur- ial lots in cemetery on plain,	15 00	
received from sale of three bur- rial lots in cemetery on the hill,	9 00	
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By deposit in the Merrimack River Savings Bank,	\$18 00	
cash on hand,	9 00	
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Whole amount now in Savings Bank,	\$177 00	

The committee in presenting this report would say that the usual care has been bestowed on the cemeteries the past year. Early in the fall our sexton, Mr. P. S. Call, died; and the duties of the sexton have been performed by his son P. J. Call, since that time.

All the gates of the cemeteries have been painted; an improvement that was much needed. We would again remind the citizens, and all who have an interest in the cemeteries IN WINDHAM, that the purpose of the fund, (the income of which is to be used, when sufficient for the purpose,) is for the perpetual care of them, through a committee chosen each year by the town. It seems to us that this provision for the care of the cemeteries should be improved by contributing to the enlargement of the fund, either by the purchase of burial lots, or by donations.

Let us ever continue in this good work, even with increased interest, in these, the last resting places of loved ones who have passed on before, not alone for their sake, but for the friends living, who visit the spots made sacred by hallowed associations and pleasant memories.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. COCHRAN,	} Committee.
HORACE BERRY,	
J. L. COTTLE,	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1. 1888.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

	DR.
To cash on hand March 1, 1887,	\$ 56
interest on fund,	60 00
fine money for year ending Mch. 1,	
1888,	5 95
	<hr/> \$66 51
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By cash paid for history of the civil war	
in America,	\$ 1 00
DeWolfe, Fisk & Co.,	60 00
on hand Mch. 1, 1888,	5 51
	<hr/> \$66 51

Mr. John E. Cochran, the librarian, makes his report to the trustees as follows :

No. of books in the library at the beginning	
of the year,	2669
No. at the present time,	2725

Largest number taken in one month, Mch.,	305
Smallest number taken in one month, May,	109
Largest number taken in one day, April 9,	65
Smallest number taken in one day, Oct. 12,	1
Whole number drawn from the library during the year.	2267

TO THE INHABITANTS OF WINDHAM:

The trustees of the Nesmith library present their seventeenth annual report:

By the provision of the bequest, founding the library, making the settled or acting pastor of the church a trustee. Rev. J. S. Cogswell, resigning his pastorate Sept. last, resigned also the office of trustees, thus depriving the library of one who ever entertained the best wishes for the success and efficiency of Nesmith library. At the annual examination last May, we found the books of the library, to be in fair condition with few exceptions, books all accounted for. We regret to have occasion to speak of the apparent carelessness of parents, or guardians in allowing children to have books of the library to use as playthings, and with pencil, mark, and soil them, also, we remark, that for any reader of the books of the library to signify their approval or disapproval by writing in the book, is very objectionable "USE CAREFULLY" with proper protection in carrying books too, and from the library. Fifteen volumes are now being rebound, a less number than last year.]

It will be the endeavor of the trustees as it ever has been, to make such selections in the purchase of books, as will be useful and meet the wants of the people, ever exercising that care necessary to the exclusion, of books

that will injure the mind or morals of any of our readers. We would invite any one to hand to the trustees or librarian, the name of any book or books, that they would like, thus making a list from which to select.

The first edition of catalogue, is entirely exhausted, making it the imperative duty of the town to make provision for another edition.

The shelf room is very limited as was mentioned in last years report and each year as additions are made to the library it becomes more apparent.

The town should take early action in regard to the subject of more room for the library.

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN,	} Trustees.
SHERBURN B. FARMER,	
CALEB B. CLARK,	
JAMES COCHRAN.	

The following is a list of books put in the library the past year.

2694	A Border Shepherdess.	<i>A. E. Barr.</i>
2696	Animal Life in the Sea and on the Land.	
2722	April Hopes,	<i>W. D. Howells.</i>
2678	Boys' Book of Science.	<i>J. H. Pepper.</i>
2681	Buttons Inn.	<i>A. W. Tourgee.</i>
2683	Boy Travelers on the Congo.	<i>T. W. Knox.</i>
2691	Elsie's Eriends at Woodburn.	<i>Martha Finley.</i>
2679	Farm Appliances.	<i>G. A. Martin.</i>
2680	Fences, Gates and Bridges,	"
2686	Farnell's Folly.	<i>J. T. Trowbridge.</i>
2693	Farming for Boys. <i>by author of Ten Acres Enough.</i>	
2712	Familiar Science Studies.	<i>R. A. Proctor.</i>
2676	Gretchen.	<i>Mary J. Holmes.</i>
2686	Gardening for Profit.	<i>Peter Henderson.</i>
2711	Harper's Young People for 1887.	

- 2723 Harper's Magazine. 1886. Vol. 72.
 2724 Harper's Magazine. 1886. Vol. 73.
 2670 History of the Civil War in America. *Capt G. B. Herburnt*
 2707 Jack the Fisherman. *E. S. Phelps.*
 2674 Love and Theology. *C. B. Woolley.*
 2682 Little Lord Fauntaroy. *Mrs. F. H. Burnett.*
 2699 Life of Thomas H. Benton. *B. F. Rossevelt.*
 2710 Martin Merrivale. *J. F. Trowbridge.*
 2720 Nights with Uncle Remus *Harris.*
 2675 Our Special Service. *Gordon Staples.*
 2692 Old New England Days. *S. M. Damon.*
 2700 Our Fellows. *Harry Castleman.*
 2717 One Hundred Days in Europe. *Holmes.*
 2687 Ploughed Under. *Bright Eyes.*
 2695 Ready About *Oliver Optic.*
 2703 Report of the Commissioners of Education.
 2705 Report of the Commissioners of Education.
 2725 Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
 2672 Sabina Zembra. *William Black*
 2701 Samantha at Saratoga. *Josiah Allen's Wife.*
 2671 The Royal Road to Wealth. *Nelson Sizer.*
 2673 The Making of the Great West. *S. A. Drake.*
 2677 Twenty Sermons. *Philip Brooks.*
 2684 Twenty Years of Congress. Vol. 1. *J. G. Blaine.*
 2685 Twenty Years of Congress. Vol. 2. *J. G. Blaine.*
 2689 The Midnight Sun. *J. M. Buckley.*
 2697 The Tobacco Problem. *M. Landers.*
 2702 The Earth and Man. *J. W. Dawson.*
 2705 The Old Garden and other Poems, *M. Deland.*
 2706 The Mysterious Island. *Jules Verne.*
 2708 That Dreadful Boy. *Kate T. Woods.*
 2709 The Earth Trembled. *Rev. E. P. Roe.*
 2713 The Heart of Merrie England. *J. S. Stone.*
 2719 The Hundredth Man. *Stockton.*
 2721 The Vanderheyde Manor House. *Cruger.*

- 2716 Voyage of the Fleetwing.
2690 Wide Awake. Vol. U and W.
2698 Who Saved the Ship.
2704 Without a Home.
2714 Young Folks Josephus.
2718 Zigzag Journeys in Europe.

Rev. E. P. Roe.

H. Butterworth.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The Town Clerk Respectfully submits the following report of the vital statistics of the town of Windham, for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Marriages.

Date, 1887.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
Jan. 12	Allenstown	Walter E. Bailey . .	Windham . .	25	W	Shoemaker .	Windham . .	Samuel Bailey, Mary B. Sheldon .	Haverhill, Danvers, Ms.	Housekeeper .	1	Catholic clergy- man, St. Mary's Church Allens- town.
		Mary A. McDonough .	Suncook. . .	19	W	Factory Girl .	Manchester .	Luke McDonough .			1	
Sept. 18	Windham .	James R. Wyman . .	Salem. . . .	47	W	Farmer . . .	N. S.	Mary	N. S.		2	Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, Windham.
		Mrs. Laura F. Wilson .	Windham . .	42	W	Housekeeper .	Pelham	Edmund R. Wyman Mary E. Churchill .	N. S.		2	
Oct. 19	Windham .	John H. Oburg. . . .	East Boston..	33	W	News Agent .	East Boston..	Benjamin Seavey John Oburg	Pelham	Housekeeper .	1	Rev. J. S. Cogs- well, Windham.
		Ellen R. Cochrane . .	Windham . .	28	W	Dressmaker . .	Windham . .	Mary A. Murry James Cochran . .	East Boston Windham	Housekeeper .	1	
Dec. 4	Hudson .	Urvin S. Armstrong..	Windham . .	25	W	Farmer	Windham . .	Sarah A. Hughes Win H. Armstrng .	Bedford.. Windham	Farmer	1	Rev. C. C. Speare Hudson.
		Elizabeth Clement . .	Windham . .	37	W	Housekeeper .	Hookset. . . .	Elizabeth Anthony Clement .	Windham Canada		2	
								Mary				

BIRTHS.

Date, 1887.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color of par- ents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No. of child 1st, 2d, &c.							
Feb. 7	.....	F	Living..	4	W Charles J. Nichols.	Ida M.	W	Windham.	Laborer ..	Nashua ..	Burlington, Vt. .
Feb. 24	.....	M	Living..	4	W Benjamin F. Harris.	Mary J.	W	"	Shoemaker..	Lowell Mass. . .	Windham . . .
Feb. 26	Edward H. . . .	M	Living..	2	W Thomas Earley . .	Fanny Humphrey	W	"	Farmer ..	Lynfield, Mass. .	Derry . . .
Feb. 27	.....	F	Living..	2	W William W. Starrat	Emma W.	W	"	Farmer ..	Paradise, N. S. .	N. Germany, N. S.
Mar. 26	.....	M	Living..	2	W Rufus H. Bailey. .	Mina F. Watson.	W	Woburn Ms	Laborer ..	Windham	Woburn, Mass. .
June 27	Clara Almada . .	F	Living..	3	W James E. Emerson.	Stella Hardy. .	W	Windham.	Farmer ..	"	Windham . . .
July 16	.....	F	Living..	1	W Charles Hart. . . .	Etta L. Woodman	W	"	Unknown ..	Unknown	Derry . . .
Aug. 25	.....	F	Living..	2	W Peter Bushway. . .	Annie M. Peabody	W	"	Laborer ..	Canaan	Derry . . .
Sept. 4	.....	M	Living..	8	W George W. Johnson	Lizzie L. Rich. .	W	"	Farmer ..	Cambridge, Mass	Windham . . .
Sept. 8	.....	M	Living..	3	W Charles Carrier. .	Nellie Clough. .	W	"	Farmer ..	Haverhill, Mass..	Truro, Mass. .
Sept. 20	.....	M	Stillborn.	1	W Herbert C. Russell.	Etta E.	W	"	Farmer ..	W Medford, Mass	Biddford, Me. .
Sept. 28	.....	M	Living..	1	W Edmond Loutry . .	Melina Smith . .	W	"	Farmer ..	Canada	Canada. . . .
Oct. 18	Edmond.	F	Living..	9	W Willard E. Dow. . .	Alice H Fairbanks	W	"	Laborer ..	Windham. . . .	Philadelphia, Pen
Nov. 5	Clarence W. . . .	M	Living..	3	W Charles Smith . . .	Sarah J. Goodwin.	W	"	Farmer ..	Windham. . . .	Hartland, Me. .
Dec. 11	Emily G.	F	Living..	10	W Charles Smith . . .	Sarah J. Goodwin.	W	"	Storekeeper .	Londonderry. . .	Hartland, Me. .

DEATHS.

Date, 1887.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex and Condition.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female	Color		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 9	Mabel E. Bean		1	14	Windham				Farmer's wife	Lowell	Lunenburg	Frank W. Bean...	Julia M. Manning
Jan. 26	Mrs. Annie Barker	80			New Boston				Carpenter			Solon Marden	Martin
Feb. 2	Wellington Russell	65	7			M			Cabinetmaker				
Mar. 2	Mr. Dreano	42	9			M			W	Windham	Windham	John Morrison	Jeanette Dinsmoor
6	Mrs. E. M. Dinsmoor	87	3		Windham				Veterinary Sur.			Pet u Manning	Elizabeth Kimball
11	Charles E. Manning	64	10		Merrimack.	M			M	Windham	Windham	Samuel Armstrong	Margaret Clark
12	Mrs. E. Armstrong	51	124		Windham				F	Nashua	Bristol	Charles T. Mason	Etta M. Acherman
30	*Mrs. J. Cashman	78			Ireland				M	Windham	Londonderry	Thomas Davidson	Jennie Moor...
April 14	Grace E. Mason	1	17		Windham				S	Windham	Derry	Leuel Call...	Etta L. Woodward
June 12	Miss Susan Davidson	83	2	15	Londonderry.				W	Boscawen	Windham	Jesse Crowell...	Rhoda Sweet
19	Reuben Gregory.	42			Liverpool, Eng	M			M	Windham	Windham	Isaac Bailey...	Sarah
July 25	Infant			9	Windham				M	Windham	Hillsboro	James Brown	Eliza Fuller...
Sept. 13	Pierce S. Call	58	8		Boscawen...	M			M	England	England	Silas Robbins	Sarah M. Farmer
27	Henry C. Crowell	74	11		Windham	M			M			John Worledge	Sarah Danforth
Oct. 29	*Mrs. Ella M. Hall	36	1	16	Haverhill				M				
Nov. 3	John O. Lamson	49			Mt. Vernon	M			M				
18	Mrs. S. C. Richardson	40	6		Dracut, Mass.				M				
27	Mrs. Nellie S. Lamson	21	4	21	Nashua.				M				
29	William Worledge	73	6	17	England	M			M				
Whole number brought from out of town + Interred in Windham, 2.													
*Interred in Lawrence, Mass.													
†Interred in Chelmsford, Mass.													

*Interred in Lawrence, Mass.

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Whole number brought from out of town and interred in Windham, 2.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES COCHRAN, TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Board respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March, 1888.

At our first meeting, in March last, the Board organized by choosing W. C. Harris, chairman and superintendent, W. E. Hughes, secretary, and J. L. Cottle, treasurer. We entered upon the duties of the office feeling that great responsibilities rested upon us, but with a determination to do the best we could. Teachers of approved experience were employed in all our schools, and results showed the wisdom of the selection.

Schools Nos. 2, 3, and 6, commenced April 18, and Nos. 1, 4, and 5, April 25; terms of ten weeks each. No. 7 commenced May 8; length of term, eight weeks. The fall term in Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6, began Sept. 5; the others Sept. 12; length of term, twelve weeks in each case except No. 1, which was thirteen weeks, to make up for a deficiency last year.

No. 1.

Miss E. Lillian Colby of Derry was employed. At our first visit, a few scholars seemed more inclined to play than to study, but the teacher was not long in getting the school interested in their studies, and good order was maintained. Many of the scholars in this school are quite young, requiring the exercise of much patience on the part of the teacher. The closing examinations were very good and were listened to with interest by many residents of the district.

No. 2.

This school was taught by Miss Mary D. Webster of Chester. It was very orderly and quiet, and made good advances during both terms. Closing examinations were very creditable to both teacher and scholars.

No. 3.

The spring term was taught by Miss Ella L. Foote of Newport, who had taught the school several terms before to the satisfaction of the parents and children. Good progress was made in the various branches attended to. We found many of the scholars inclined to make too much noise with their lips while studying. This is a needless habit which every teacher should strive to correct. Miss Foote not wishing to teach the fall term, Miss Susie E. Hazelton of Chester was engaged. Miss Hazelton is a live teacher, and, as a natural result infused life and energy into the whole school. Buzzing with the lips soon came to an end. The almost universal habit of reciting in low tones was corrected to a wonderful degree. The review exercises at the close of the term were very satisfactory, evincing a thorough acquaintance with the studies pursued. A goodly number of parents and others were present, who listened to the exercises with marked attention.

No. 4.

Mrs. M. Eva Robinson of this town, taught both terms. She has had a long experience in the work, is perfectly at home in the school-room, manifests much interest in her pupils, and labors diligently for their advancement. Gymnastic exercises and singing received attention and added to the interest of the scholars, especially the younger portion. Much attention was given to reading, writing and drawing. The closing exercises were very good.

No. 5.

Miss Olive B. Hazelton of Chester, taught both terms. As this teacher came highly recommended, we expected a good

school under her direction, and were not disappointed. Every thing in the school-room moved on like clock-work. In this school are found some of our most advanced scholars. In this district, too, are many parents who are alive to the educational interests of their children. A larger number of parents were present at the examinations than in any other school. Great pains are taken to carry the teacher and children to school.

No. 6.

Miss Mary A. Morse of Derry, taught the spring and fall terms. Teacher and scholars labored together and with good results. The closing examinations gave evidence of thorough work during the terms. Good singing added to the interests of these occasions.

No. 7.

The teacher of the first term was Miss Annie Bell of Chester; of the second, Miss Carrie L. Hodsdon of Meredith. Both labored earnestly to advance their pupils and success crowned their efforts to a large degree. A good number were present at the examinations. As respects regular attendance, this is the *banner* school. The whole number of scholars was 8; of these 4 were neither tardy nor absent during the first term, and 2 others absent but one day each. In the fall term 3 were perfect in attendance, and another absent but one day, and that caused by sickness. We wish other schools would *go and do likewise*.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

This is a great evil in our schools. The whole number of scholars who have attended our schools the past year is 133.

Only 49 were present every day and in season during one term. We hope this number will be largely increased the coming year. What would be said of teachers if absent from their post of duty a day now and then, or behind time a morning or two every week? This would certainly be a great hinderance, and lead to much fault-finding. But absent and tardy scholars are also a great hinderance to the whole school. The entire loss last year from occasional absences was 522 days, or nearly a week to each scholar reckoning on the average membership. Parents can largely remedy this evil.

VISITING SCHOOLS.

If parents and others interested in our school children, would visit the school-room more frequently, it would encourage teachers very much and have a good effect on the scholars. Many fail on examination days because they have not been accustomed to recite before visitors. The fear that they will give an incorrect answer often prevents their speaking so as to be heard; and in this way even good scholars appear to poor advantage.

ARITHMETIC.

We believe the study of *mental* arithmetic is too much neglected in all our schools. Scholars are in haste to use a slate and pencil even before they have mastered the multiplication table. *Advanced* scholars are sometimes seen counting their fingers in order to add small numbers. This ought not to be. This important practical branch ought to receive more attention in our schools. The ordinary laboring man may get through life with tolerable success if he has but little knowledge of grammar, geography, or history, is a poor reader,

writer, and speller; but if he has not a good knowledge of figures he will constantly run the risk of being defrauded and cheated. The ability to reckon mentally with ease and rapidity lies at the foundation of success in all business life.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Last March the town voted to raise \$175, to repair school-houses. The treasurer's report will show how this has been expended. School-house No. 4 needs painting very much and three or four wood-sheds need shingling. The table and tops of desks in No. 7 house were split up and burned by some tramps last winter. Repairs should be made soon. No. 3 school-house is quite too small for the present wants of the school. It should be enlarged or a new one built. Recitation seats and chairs are needed in some houses.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Value of books received from Rev. J. S. Cogswell,		
April 1, 1887,		\$35 11
Loss on books exchanged,	\$2 73	
Value of books furnished indigent		
children,	2 82	5 55
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Value of books on hand, March 1, 1888,		\$29 56

W. C. HARRIS,	} School Board of Windham.
J. L. COTTLE,	
WILLIS E. HUGHES.	

FUND SCHOOLS.

In district No. 6, the third term of school commenced Dec. 27th, and continued seven weeks in charge of Lulu M. Col-

cord of Candia. The good advantages afforded by this term were enjoyed by only a part of the scholars of the district, some parents preferring to keep their children at home. The expenses were as follows :

Paid Miss Colcord for 7 weeks teaching.	\$28 00	
J. G. Bradford for board,	20 50	
W. C. Harris for 12 feet wood,	5 75	
J. L. Bradford for cutting wood,		
building fires, etc.,	3 68	
	<hr/>	\$57 93

This amount was paid from the income of the district school fund for the year ending January 1, 1887. That accumulated since, has not yet been used.

In district No. 2, the third term of school commenced Feb. 20, in charge of Miss Susie E. Hazelton of Chester, and will probably continue until about the first of April.

W. C. HARRIS,	} School Board of Windham.
<hr/> WILLIS E. HUGHES,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Number of school children in town reported by selectmen: Apr. 1, boys, 53, girls 63.

ROLL OF HONOR.



SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.



DISTRICT No. 1.

Willie B. Hanson.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Ilde G. Prescott, Fred G. Cutting, Agnes T. Simpson.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Jennie Butterfield, Clara Hall, Mrytie Scott, Agnes Trumblay, Athol Scott, Elmer Wheeler, Edna Armstrong, Nellie Fairbanks, Minnie Clark, Eddie Doran. Eddie Clark, Dannie McKenzie, Georgie Doran, Joseph Butterfield, 2 terms.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Joanna B. Clark, Rosa J. Clark, Ida V. Jewett, Mabell M. Jewett, Charles A. Barker, Walter B. Bullock, George H. Clark, Charles A. Robinson, 2 terms.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alice D. Davidson, Jennie L. Davidson, Cora M. Goodwin, Ethel A. Richardson, Walton C. Barker, Leonard J. Nodding, Loren M. Smith, Loueva M. Blanchard, 2 terms, Perley C. Smith, 2 terms.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Jimmie E. Anderson, Harry B. Call, Louis D. Call, Mary L. Call, Gracie R. Call, Sammie J. Cogswell, Frank H. Cogswell, Eddie A. Lynde, Inez D. Avery.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Jennie Wilson, Laura V. Wilson, Eva A. Clendenin, Grace I. Davis, 2 terms, Susie J. Merriam, 2 terms.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

NO. 1 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term, 10	
weeks,	\$65 00
teaching second term, 13	
weeks,	84 50
wood and sawing,	5 41
miscellaneous supplies,	1 67
repairs	3 00
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	\$159 58

NO. 2 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term, 10	
weeks,	\$70 00
teaching second term,	
12 weeks,	84 00
wood and sawing,	1 75
one eight-foot settee,	3 60
miscellaneous supplies,	1 12
repairs,	3 72
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	\$164 19

NO 3 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term 10	
weeks,	\$70 00
teaching second term 12	
weeks,	54 00
boarding teacher 12	
weeks,	30 00
wood and sawing,	2 00
miscellaneous supplies,	82
repairs,	3 15
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	\$159 97

NO. 4 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term 10	
weeks,	\$62 50
teaching second term 12	
weeks,	75 00
wood and sawing,	7 19
two chairs,	1 00
miscellaneous supplies,	1 47
cleaning and washing	
school-room,	3 00
repairs on school-house,	69 68
repairs on fence,	17 91
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	\$237 75

NO. 5 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term 10	
weeks,	\$65 00

Paid for teaching second term 12		
weeks,	78 00	
wood and sawing,	5 25	
miscellaneous supplies,	1 62	
cleaning and washing		
school-room,	3 00	
repairs,	78 81	
	<hr/>	\$231 68

NO. 6 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term 10		
weeks,	\$80 00	
teaching second term 12		
weeks,	96 00	
wood and sawing,	4 00	
miscellaneous supplies,	82	
repairs,	4 17	
	<hr/>	\$184 99

NO. 7 SCHOOL.

Paid for teaching first term, 8		
weeks,	\$ 48 00	
teaching second term 12		
weeks,	42 00	
boarding teacher, 12 weeks,	30 00	
wood and the sawing,	2 00	
miscellaneous supplies,	82	
	<hr/>	\$122 82

RECAPITULATION.

DEBTOR.

Cash received of Town Treasurer, per order of Selectmen :

Amount raised by taxation,	\$633 50	
Town appropriation,	300 00	
Amount raised for repairs,	175 00	
Literary Money,	85 84	
Dog Tax,	67 00	
Tuition,	8 00	
Cash in treasury, March, 1887,	64 55	
		————— \$1,333 89

CREDIT.

Cash paid for teachers,	\$1,034 00	
wood and the sawing,	27 60	
miscellaneous ex-		
penses,	18 94	
repairs,	180 44	
Cash in treasury, March, 1888,	72 91	
		————— \$1,333 89

JOSEPH L. COTTLE,

Treasurer of School Board.

We the undersigned auditors have this day examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. L. FISH,
E. O. DINSMOOR, } Auditors.

Windham, N. H., March 1st. 1888.

